

Year 2 Autumn Half Term 1 Parents' Leaflet

The aim of our curriculum is to link much of the work around a theme, which makes learning more exciting and purposeful.

Science

This half term we will be learning about materials and their properties. We will be thinking in detail about the suitability of various materials and conducting experiments to try and

Religious Education

In R.E our focus question will be "Can you tell what someone believes by what they look like?" We will be exploring this through children's thoughts and ideas, stories and

History

We are learning about the Great Fire of London 1666.

We will:

- ask questions
- examine evidence
- understand a timeline
- sequence key events
- give and explain their opinion

English

Our first text will be '**Katie in London**', which is about a little girl who travels around the city exploring the sights. We will sequence the key events, understand key vocabulary and explore the characters' feelings throughout the journey. We will then learn how to structure a story using adjectives to describe and conjunctions to extend our sentences. We will use the structure of the book to write our own stories about '**Katie in Otley**'. We will travel to the small market town

This half term our topic is:
Why was the fire of London so Great ?

Visits

To introduce our new Learning Challenge we will look forward to a visit from Sir William Petty who shows us primary sources linked to this famous event. He will tell us all about what it was like to live in London at the time of the Great Fire and how people tried to put the fire out. We will also consider how modern London

Mathematics

We will:

- count in multiples of 2, 3, 5 and 10
- understand the value of two digit numbers
- compare 2 digit numbers
- know number bonds to 20 and 100
- add two 2 digit numbers
- begin to recognise coins and make amounts of money

Reading

Your child will read a range of texts through daily guided reading sessions and will also read for information across the curriculum. We will share a class text every day and take part in a class 'Book Club' every Friday when your child can bring their

How you can help?

Your child will be bringing home weekly homework challenges to support their learning about The Great Fire of London. Please take time to help them research and focus their ideas. **It is very important that your child**

Creative Carousel

In Creative Carousel this half term we will be sketching and painting fire whilst thinking about colour, line, shade and pattern. We will then design our own clay pot to depict the Great Fire of London, using

Computing

During this half term in computing our focus will be on programming. We will think about how to program the movement of different objects and begin to understand what programming is. We want the children to begin to see programming as giving detailed instructions to a computer so it